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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMORE WINSPEARE REPORT

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1. DURING MARCH 12 CALL ON UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, I ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF WALDHEIM'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE'S REPORT ON TIMOR.

2. WALDHEIM REPLIED HE HAD RECEIVED WINSPEARE'S REPORT SOME DAYS AGO. HOWEVER, TWO PARAGRAPHS WERE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AND CORRECTIONS WERE NEEDED. THESE HAD BEEN MADE. WALDHEIM WAS NOW PREPARING BRIEF COVERING NOTE OF ABOUT PAGE AND HALF. WALDHEIM'S ONLY PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO CONTINUE PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS BY WINSPEARE IN GENEVA. WALDHEIM SAID REPORT WOULD BE ISSUED MARCH 15.

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3. WALDHEIM CONTINUED THAT WHEN IN CANBERRA IN FEBRUARY

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HE HAD MET PORTUGAL'S AMBASSADOR AND INDONESIA'S
REPRESENTATIVE. THE IDEA HAD EMERGED AND HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY
ENCOURAGED BY PORTUGUESE THAT WINSPEARE SHOULD HOLD
MEETING IN GENEVA INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL,
INDONESIA, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR (PGET)
AND OF FRETILIN. WALDHEIM HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED HIS
"OLD FRIEND" INDONESIA S FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK FROM MANILA
ABOUT THIS. MALIK PROMISED A REPLY. IT DEVELOPED SUBSE-
QUENTLY THAT, WHILE PORTUGAL AND FRETILIN COULD ACCEPT
IDEA OF QUADRIPARTITE TALKS, INDONESIA AND THE
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT COULD NOT. ACCORDINGLY, WALDHEIM
SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT WINSPEARE CONTINUE TALKS
IN GENEVA WITH FOUR PARTIES ON BILATERAL BASIS. WERE THESE
BILATERAL CONTACTS TO PRODUCE SOME COMMON GROUND, THERE
MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY OF TRILATERAL TALKS AMONG INDONESIA,
PGET AND FRETILIN.

4. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD TALKED RECENTLY IN NEW YORK WITH
FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA. HORTA HAD STRESSED DESIRE
FOR "POLITICAL SOLUTION".

5. ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, A PGET DELEGATION IS ON WAY TO
NEW YORK AND WILL STOP IN GENEVA EN ROUTE TO MEET
WINSPEARE.

6. WALDHEIM STRESSED THAT INDONESIANS ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION. THEY SENSE
UNEASINESS WITHIN NONALIGNED GROUP OVER TIMORE WALDHEIM
WAS HOPEFUL, THEREFORE, THAT CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS
UNDER WINSPEARE MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL.

7. WALDHEIM UNDERLINED THAT PORTUGUESE HAD BEEN "MOST
FORTHCOMING" AND HAD GIVEN WINSPEARE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE.
IN PARTICULAR, THEY HAD PERMITTED WINSPEARE TO USE A
PORTUGUESE WARSHIP'S COMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO BE IN
TOUCH WITH FRETILIN. AUSTRALIANS TOO WERE MOST HELPFUL.

8. COMMENT: WALDHEIM DID NOT VOLUNTEER A PREDICTION AS TO
WHEN PORTUGUESE TIMOR MIGHT ARISE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD MEET UNSC PRESIDENT (BENIN) MARCH
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15 TO DISCUSS UNSC'S WORK DURING REST OF MONTH.

9. INDONESIAN MISSION TELLS US IT BELIEVES TIMOR QUESTION
MIGHT ARISE IN UNSC AT END OF MARCH. IT REPORTS, HOWEVER,
THAT UNSC PRESIDENT (BENIN) NOT KEEN HAVE QUESTION COME UP
DURING HIS PRESIDENCY, PORTUGAL'S PERM REP GAVE ME SAME,
REPORT,
INDONESIANS STATE NO PREFERENCE HAVE QUESTION COME UP

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IN MARCH UNDER BENIN'S PRESIDENCY OR IN APRIL UNDER CHINA'S
PRESIDENCY.

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